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QUICK IMPACT PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED SOON

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) on Monday signed five Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of India.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, India's High Commissioner to St Vincent and the Grenadines, His Excellency Subhash Prasad Gupta said that the MOUs are extremely important for community related infrastructural development as well as two projects closely associated with sports and health activities.

The High Commissioner stressed that the MOUs are an extension, or the second phase of SVG/India cooperation, the first phase being the Agreement for Indian Grant Assistance for the Implementation of Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) which was signed several months ago.

Describing the various initiatives as a developmental partnership between India and SVG, the High Commissioner noted that there are several QIPs that have already been implemented in Saint Vincent and Grenadines (SVG).

"Those projects are sustainable and working in a very fine manner. Such kind of activities we always give our utmost priority to our partners," High Commissioner Gupta said.

The High Commissioner also noted that SVG is a very important partner in the Caribbean and India is also focussing on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) development here.

He noted that they are currently working on the delivery of a machine, that will boost the agrarian sector, in relation to small scale industries in SVG especially as it relates to the processing of leafy vegetables and related produce.

"This kind of activity not only is providing income, but also, it ensures that the income is dispersed in the society.

“It helps farmers’ welfare and also helps to empower women,” the High Commissioner said, while noting that he is hopeful that this project would further boost the rural economy of SVG and at the same time further empower women.

High Commissioner Gupta noted also that India has assisted in the Hurricane Beryl relief project and continues to assist as part of the ongoing cooperation between the two countries.

“We will be always happy to further cooperate with our friendly nations like St. Vincent and the Grenadines. We look forward to the projects being implemented on a timely manner,” High Commissioner Gupta noted.

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